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The Honorable Morrison England, Jr.  
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Eastern District of California  
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RE:Sakhanskiy Case

Judge England,

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My name is Jeffrey George, and I have worked with the local Slavic community for some time. I am writing to you in regard to the Sakhanskiy case, in which a guilty verdict was returned in September of 2015.

I do not presume to know the details of this particular case. I can tell you that I have attended church services at the same church that Alexander and Larisa Sakhanskiy attend, and this case has had a profound impact on the church congregation. While no one wants to second-guess the jury, those that know the Sakhanskiys are appalled that a jury could find them guilty of the charges related to this case. The Sakhanskiy family are known to be devout members of the church. Furthermore, the Sakhanskiy family has cared for foster children for some time, demonstrating their concern for their fellow human beings. Many persons who have known the Sakhanskiys for some time can vouch for their positive qualities. I am informed that many persons have written letters on their behalf already.

While not minimizing the damages that have occurred during this case and acknowledging the legal principles involved, I should like to point out the Sakhanskiy family has already lost a great deal in this matter. The lot that their family home was on has apparently been sold, and there is virtually no chance for recovery of this property. The Sakhanskiy family has three children, and this case has had a very negative impact on them. The three youngsters are facing a long stretch of time without their parents, and this is creating quite a burden on their grandfather, who currently has custody of the children. Also, one of the Sakhanskiys has lost their mother during the course of these proceedings, and this has produced an additional burden on the family. Of course, you are likely bound by federal sentencing guidelines, but I urge you to keep these facts foremost in your mind as you impose sentence on Alexander and Larisa Sakhanskiy.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have further questions, feel free to contact me via email at [jeff95842@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jeff95842@sbcglobal.net).

Very Truly Yours,

  
Jeffrey George